

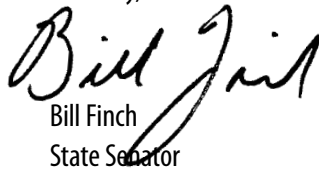
Dear Friends,

Manufacturing jobs are good-paying jobs, but Connecticut has imposed a tax on manufacturers that other states do not. Under current law, Connecticut charges a property tax on manufacturing equipment, and that's shortsighted.

That's why I invited Senate President Pro Tempore Donald E. Williams, Jr. to attend a forum on jobs and property taxes held right here in the 22nd District at Bodine Manufacturing. That day, we discussed our comprehensive legislative initiative "Jobs for the 21st Century". And I'm proud to announce that our efforts paid off and the bill was passed into law. We've acted to encourage job creation and ease the unfair property tax burden on manufacturers.

I've included a summary of the new law in this newsletter. I remain committed to enacting innovative policies that help create good jobs and alleviate the property tax burdens that hold back our cities and towns.

Sincerely,


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FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR
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Connecticut Jobs for the 21st Century

This year, my legislative agenda was about jobs! I am proud to have taken a leadership role to bring you landmark jobs expanding legislation. Some of the highlights include:

Eliminating the property tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment to attract more manufacturing jobs to Connecticut.

Establishing a proactive Business Advocate's office that will allow businesses to access government and cut red tape.

Funding increases for incumbent worker training programs provided by regional workforce development boards.

Establishing a Center for Entrepreneurship that will assist promising technologies—including fuel cells—to develop jobs in our state.

Creating business incubators to help grow small businesses to create jobs.

Creating (DREAM) grants that supplement and increase small businesses' access to federal research grants.

Increasing jobs by better bridging promising businesses to the university expertise that can help bring innovative products to market.

Encouraging more engineering and doctoral research graduates to stay and work in Connecticut through a scholar-to-work system.

Establishing a partnership with the business community that will help Connecticut create a better pool of skilled labor for the future of our economy and our workforce.

Offering some of the best tax incentives in the nation to attract digital media and movie companies to film their productions here in Connecticut.



In April, I convened a forum on jobs and the economy at Bodine Manufacturing in Bridgeport that was attended by area business and civic leaders. Also joining me were Bridgeport Senator Ed Gomes and Senate President Pro Tempore Don Williams.